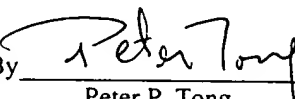


attorney prior to taking such action, if the Examiner feels that such a telephone call will advance the prosecution of the present application.

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